

St. Joseph's College
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SGA Election Issue

The Spirit

From the Desk of the President: Election Edition

By Catherine Muldoon

This time of year is somewhat bittersweet for me because as the excitement of graduation builds, the realization that my days as SGA President are coming to an end is more evident each day as the campaign flyers go up. As my term winds down, this would seem the perfect time to talk about the accomplishments, successes and challenges of my administration.

In April of 2011, one of my first projects as SGA President was a workshop with a program called College for Every Student. I connected with a representative from the program, and SGA and other student leaders in the SLE program hosted a group of high school students for a workshop at SJC. We provided lunch, a Common Hour event, a campus tour, and a leadership assessment workshop for the students to help with the transition from high school to college.

Over the summer, SGA and C.A.B. attended a leadership conference where we found some great speakers, musicians, and comedians to bring back to campus for events. We also participated in community service projects during our weekend at the conference, and we learned about valuable leadership tools to help us run the Student Government.

Also over the summer, I spent my days in the Student Life Office creating an Orientation Facebook group, and "friending" over 100 freshmen so they could be invited to the group to ask the staff and Orientation Leaders any questions they might have.

SGA plays a major role in Orientation, and Vice President Lizzy Fiorella was an amazing Orientation Chairperson. She and I worked in the Student Life Office planning and buying decorations for the event. Director of Student Activities Jaime Vacca-Hoefner and I choreographed the OL presentation for the freshmen with the help of C.A.B. Coordinator Danielle Endes. Dozens of Orientation Leaders worked tirelessly to put that day together under the leadership of the Student Life Staff and Student Government.

In September, SGA worked with C.A.B. to plan the Club Fair and Club HopStop to give students

the opportunity to learn about and join the different clubs on campus. With an idea from Lizzy and members of Senate, SGA created the BYE Books Facebook page where students could buy or sell textbooks to each other as an alternative to using the Internet or the bookstore. We planned an entire Senate workshop where we explained each form needed for clubs to plan events on campus. We also brought the speaker who inspired Free Hug Day on our campus.

In October, I hosted a Presidential Forum with Sister Elizabeth at which we both spoke about and answered question regarding our plans for the college. SGA also sponsored a Comedy Night featuring Ryan Clauson who had spoken on campus the previous semester about body language and relationships.

In November, I created the Campus Smoke-Free Policy Committee consisting of students, faculty, and administration to discuss the smoking issue on campus. That committee came to the compromise of moving the smoking areas to more effective locations on campus and getting them clearly labeled. Then after monitoring them for some time, it would decide if further action was needed in regards to smoke regulation.

December brought about the usual Holiday Festivities. SGA and C.A.B. were in charge of decorating the campus and the tree in the Tuohy Hallway. C.A.B. did a spectacular job putting together the Holiday Festival while SGA Vice President Lizzy Fiorella was in charge of collecting, naming, and coordinating club baskets. SGA and C.A.B. also helped host the Home for the Holidays party where Alumni come back to SJC for Christmas.

SGA met over the winter break to plan and prepare for the current semester. We put together a Spring Senate workshop with the help of the Student Life Staff to make the forms even easier for clubs to fill out. We created event packets so clubs wouldn't have to worry about missing paperwork.

Most recently, SGA sponsored National Wear Red Day where everyone wore red to support heart health awareness. Currently, we are busy planning our next events and projects. I have met with the head of the plant staff, and we are in the process of moving and labeling the smoking areas on campus. SGA will host our third annual Talent



Current SGA President Catherine Muldoon reflects on her time in office as the elections for the '12-'13 SGA officers loom.

Show on March 1st, and the end of the year Formal has already been booked. We are always keeping busy and looking for new ways to benefit the college.

A position on Student Government is an honor, and while there are many benefits to having a leadership position, it is anything but easy. I wanted to write this column so that people can see exactly what SGA is doing. I want you to be aware

of the events we have, the money we raise, and the areas of the campus that we are responsible for. I encourage everyone to vote in the elections because it takes a great deal of courage to run, and all the candidates need support. Running the Student Government is a huge responsibility, but I am confident that I will be leaving it in the hands of a very capable SGA 2012-2013.

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A Few Words From Student Life...

By Jaime Vacca-Hoefner
Director of Student Activities

This election has already made history before the ballots have been counted. In 2005, there was a Primary Election for the position of President and before that, we would have to do our research! However, we are certain that there have never been 15 candidates on the ballot for a Primary Election! Unbelievable! We were so surprised and wondered what caused this influx of candidates. Could it be the impact of the Student Leadership Experience and FYE? Or is it the positive image that the current SGA

and C.A.B. have portrayed throughout this past year? Whatever the reason, the Office of Student Activities & Co-Curricular Programs is delighted and humbled that there is such an interest in Student Government!

As thrilled as we are to have so many candidates, it also saddens us to lose 11 of those candidates after the election. The two candidates for each position with the highest votes from the Primary Election will then move on to the SGA Election on March 5th, 6th, and 8th. The results from that election will determine the next President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer for 2012-2013.

Each candidate has something unique

to offer each position. We urge you to read the profiles and position papers carefully. Also, please attend the Election Forum on Monday, March 5th. Vote for the person you truly believe is best suited for the job and will represent the student body.

Remember, this is your college and your Student Activities Fees are what funds the Student Government Association. So, please vote on February 28th & 29th and then again on March 5th, 6th, & 8th. Don't forget, there is still the opportunity to apply for SGA Parliamentary, all of the C.A.B. Officer Positions, and Class Representatives!



There will be Primary Elections for all offices held on:

Tuesday, February 28th in Tuohy Hall
10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Wednesday, February 29th in the Cafeteria
10:30 am - 2:30 pm



For each position, the two candidates with the highest amount of primary election votes will then move on to the SGA Election.

Senate Election Forum - Monday, March 5th

SGA Election - March 5th, 6th, and 8th



Interviews for the SGA Parliamentary and C.A.B. Officers will take place after the SGA Election.

Candidates for SGA President/Vice-President



**Maria
Correnti**

Candidate for SGA President

By Roseangela Fracchiolla

Maria Correnti is a Junior Child Study Major here at St. Joseph's College. Maria prides herself on her involvement on campus. She remembers her high school days:

"In high school, I wasn't involved. I was very shy and very insecure. I was afraid to be involved and because of that I lost out on my high school experience. I promised myself in college I would change that and I did."

Her first experience with extracurricular activities was in her freshman year at the St. Joseph's retreat in Long Island. From then on she has taken an interest in almost everything. She serves as Senate Representative for Campus Ministry, President and Treasurer of the Child Study Club, and Secretary of the Student Government Association. She is also a

part of the Dance, Paesanos, and Go Green clubs. Maria's largest contribution to the election is her amount of experience. She has helped in starting the online book exchange for students to sell their textbooks as well as assisting in many fundraisers.

Maria expresses the key elements of her campaign: "I know what it takes to be a President. I will fight for what is right such as parking issues, and making the college experience equal for everyone." Maria emphasizes the pillars of St. Joseph's: "Our students are what makes this school what it is." She proves that even a shy girl who was afraid to be involved in high school can use the college experience to go after all of your dreams. That is truly the platform Maria stands upon: optimistic possibility. She ends with a thought that she hopes will resonate with student voters: "I am the kind of person who puts my heart and soul into everything I do and if I become the new SGA president I know I can achieve what is right for the students."



**Stephanie
Estevez**

Candidate for SGA President

By Jessica Jacobbe

Just like you, Stephanie Estevez is a student at St. Joseph's College, but what makes her different from most students here? She wants to be your leader; she wants to help you. Her leadership has been proven and practiced over the past three years as a participant in the Student Leadership Experience. She has not only been involved in this program, but setting up and leading others as well.

Her leadership abilities have been tested numerous times by serving on the boards of several clubs. Stephanie is the current President of the Hispanic Awareness Club and Secretary for the Student Alumni Association and Science Club. Aside from being a part of these essential school clubs, she took the initiative to set up the first national sorority at St. Joseph's. Coming to this school her sophomore year, she was extremely interested in Greek Life, then dedicated her following years to

bringing Alpha Gamma Delta to life here at St. Joe's.

Majoring in Biology with a Spanish minor, Stephanie has dreams and goals of pursuing a life in the medical field. An aspiring pediatrician, she plans to go to medical school and learn the skills needed to be a doctor. She has already started learning by volunteering every week at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Why is Stephanie running for office? She knows she can be the new voice for the Student Government Association, a voice that also listens to the student body. Being on the Senate, she has always been a listener to what goes on in SGA, but now she wants to be the spokesperson for the government as the next President. Stephanie believes SGA is viewed as a separate entity from the school; she wants to change that way of thinking by uniting the government with the students.

Stephanie loves St. Joseph's College and believes it is a great place to be, but she knows the student body and government can work better together under her leadership. She has been involved in helping the St. Joseph's College community, but now it is the student body's time to help her.



**Stephanie
Thermoziere**

Candidate for SGA Vice-President

By Catherine Muldoon

Vice-Presidential candidate Stephanie Thermoziere is a Junior Biology Major who is eager to step into an SGA leadership position.

Stephanie dove right into the student life aspect of college during her first semester at St. Joseph's when she became Secretary of the Science Club and Senate Rep for the Desi Club. Since then, she has gone on to become President of Science Club, Volunteer Chair for the Student Alumni Association, past Academic Co-Chair for the Honors Society, a Level III member of the Student Leadership Experience, and also one of the founding members of Alpha Gamma Delta, the first national sorority at SJC. She has certainly been a presence on Senate from the very beginning, and there was a noticeable difference when she spent the last semester abroad in Belgium.

Stephanie wants to run for Vice-President because she wants to add to the "extraordinary atmosphere of the college while working with the students and administration to improve it." She believes that all her experiences have given her a unique and complete view on student life. She thinks she can use these experiences as a tool to connect with the student body and get their opinions on what they think the future of SJC should be, and use it to mold this school to reach its highest potential.

Her ultimate goal in running for Vice-President is to "foster a more cooperative and united sentiment between all members of SJC. I want to make increase transparency between the student body and SGA, making it accessible to everyone." She said she also wants to let all students know they have a voice. She says, "with their help we can spark positive change that can improve the school and shape each other and future generations."

Stephanie wants the student body to know that if she is elected Vice-President, she will work for them day and night. "I will put in 100% of my effort and listen to every person in order and make decisions that will benefit us all, not just a few."



**Robert
Jurman**

Candidate for SGA President

By Kristen McMaster

It's election season at St. Joseph's again, and this year the ballots are filled with candidates. One of those candidates is Robert Jurman, who is running for Student Government President. Robert is the youngest of his running mates, and believes that he is the most qualified person for the position.

Robert decided to run for President because he loves and cares for the college and wants to serve each and every student. He believes he is a qualified candidate because he has experience serving as Sophomore Representative for the past year, and also because of his extensive work with politicians such as State Senator Marty Golden, Assemblyman Lou Tabacco, and Party Chairman Craig Eaton. Through his experience he has learned leadership, the ability and resolve to get things done, and the ability to listen to the public and to always put them first. His acquired leadership skills have led him to be on various committees on campus and The "Spirit" Newspaper, where he is a writer as well as Photography Edi-

tor.

Robert has many new ideas for the future of Student Government and the college. His plans, if elected President, include revising the SGA Constitution. Robert states, "I will reform the SGA Constitution if necessary, but one thing that will be reformed in it is this: no more SGA Officers. The President will have a non-voting cabinet which may advise the President but all decisions will be openly discussed in Senate and voted on by Senate."

Other ideas include his 1-2-3 Smoking Plan, and the Renovation of St. Angela Hall and Touhy Lounge. Robert believes that "with the proper plans and meetings and with a decent push from the SGA, the Administration will come to the table and compromise with us on a good solid plan to renovate." His Smoking Plan involves labeling smoking areas: "1st smoking area: down the handicap ramp in front of MCE; 2nd area: Touhy Hall, same as it is now; 3rd area: the old entrance to SAH." Robert also plans on changing ID cards, making them more useful and modern. Lastly, he proposes that there be an on-campus book flea market each semester to help students with book costs. Robert clearly has thought extensively on what he thinks will benefit the college, and is determined to bring change to the campus as SGA President.



**Tommy
Agostino**

Candidate for SGA President

By Gabrielle Hughes

Junior Tommy Agostino is sure to make a lasting impression in this year's election, running for President of SGA. As a graduate of Xaverian High School, Tommy is now an Accounting Major at SJC, hoping to find a career that will allow him to live prosperously after he leaves school.

To Tommy, he would make a great President because his leadership qualities are endless: "they can't be measured on a scale of 1-10." He is involved in numerous school organizations, such as the Beta Psi Alpha fraternity and the Business Club. In addition

to furthering his abilities as a leader, he decided to run because "our school needs a new face," and claims that if elected, he "will be replacing Matt Walsh as the face of SJC."

Tommy is taking a "realistic" approach with his campaign, as he is refusing to make any promises before getting elected. Instead of setting goals, he would rather solve current issues when they are handed to him to make improvements. It is his belief that predicting and declaring the solutions of specific problems can just lead to empty promises. However, if Tommy is elected, he has something in mind for his first presidential action: "How about we start with opening the other entrance to St. Angela Hall... it just makes sense."

Candidates for SGA Secretary/Vice-President



Gladyne Confident

Candidate for SGA Secretary

By Catherine Muldoon

Gladyne Confident is a Junior Biology Major with a minor in Chemistry, but she still manages to be involved with numerous campus activities and clubs. That is part of the reason why she is running for SGA Secretary.

Gladyne is a member of the Step Team, The Black Student Association, Hispanic Awareness, and she has been an Orientation Leader. You have probably seen her at Basketball games and many other campus events because she is one of the students who takes advantage of all that Common Hour has to offer.

She feels she can be an asset to SGA for a number of reasons. Through her experience on the Step Team, she has discovered that she works well in group atmospheres. She is already Secretary of the Black Student Association, so she is familiar with the amount of paperwork in-

involved with SGA. She also describes herself as someone who is "organized, responsible, hard working, and thorough," all qualities any good leader needs. Gladyne is the type of person who is no stranger to multi-tasking. She can balance many things at once, as seen through her campus involvement. She attributes this to her good time management skills, another asset the SGA Secretary needs.

If elected Secretary, Gladyne has a few goals for the position. She wants to "organize the SGA to make sure that all the clubs receive their supplies for events on time." She says she wants to "contribute new ideas while bringing the input of the less vocal students to SGA." Most importantly, she says she wants "to do the best that I can to help make St. Joseph's College a place where everyone's thoughts are heard and accepted."

This year's election is unprecedented in how many candidates are running. I strongly encourage everyone to read about all the candidates and vote based on who you think will do the best job. There are excellent candidates running, and I think we all have very tough decisions to make.



Jessica Gargano

Candidate for SGA Secretary

By Diana Kessel

Junior Jessica Gargano is running for Secretary of SGA. A Bishop Kearney alum, Jessica decided that the best way to get the greatest experience from SJC is to be involved. She is a member of the following clubs: Child-Study, Go Green, C.A.B. Staff Member, Student Alumni Association, Student Athletic Advisory Committee for Soccer, and Treasurer of the Campus Ministry and Outreach Club. Always willing to spend extra time at school, (a necessary qualification for an SGA candidate), Jessica served as a member of the Orientation Core Team this past summer and helped plan orientation. She is also an Orientation Leader, the Junior Class Representative and is starting the Student Leadership Experience.

She is running for Secretary of SGA to further enrich her experience here at St. Joseph's. "I am very organized and I feel that this will help me in the Secretary position as I handle all the clubs, the minutes for the meetings and supply requests. If there is one thing I try to

live by, it is that my job is not finished until it is completed, which will enable me to complete any and all tasks that I am given." With all her experience in leadership positions, she is strong believer in working together as a team.

Jessica's personal statement about running for Secretary covers many levels of the position: "This position interests me because I feel that since I am involved in many other clubs, this would be my way of... not only be giving back to the clubs, but to the school as well for all that it has offered to me." She also hopes to start a Culinary Club so students would be able to expand their education from not only classes they are taking, but learn different culinary skills and how to cook a wonderful meal.

Finally, Jessica states: "Students should vote for me because I am a committed and hard working person. I have great communication skills and would be able to help out in any way they needed. When I am assigned a job, I am very passionate about it and make sure the job is done right. I feel that I work well with others and will be a very helpful member of SGA. My experience on the Soccer Team and senate has strengthened my relationship with others, the school, and my dedication to helping everyone in the SJC community."



Tiffany DeRusso

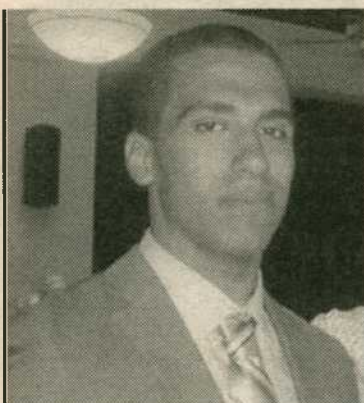
Candidate for SGA Vice-President

By Rachel Maldonado

You may have seen Tiffany DeRusso, 20, around the Student Life office, and if you're a Bio major you may have taken a few classes with her. DeRusso is a Junior running for Vice-President in the SGA Elections. You may have recognized her work in the past: she's decorated for this past Valentine's Day event, last semester's Harry Potter movie night and the C.A.B. Halloween party. She also provides all the flyers for the events that keep us entertained and grateful to be a part of the SJC student body. DeRusso not only has this experience in Campus Activities Board (CAB), but she's also an officer of the Chapel Players. She produced their recent 10-minute Play Festival and she acted in the Chapel Players' production of "Gypsy" as Tessie Tura, the pink stripper.

Aside from all the work she puts into the school, this Brooklyn girl is passionate and loves doing everything she can for her school. She has good leadership skills, and believes she is most qualified for this position as she's worked in the office of Student Life before as the Publicity Coordinator for C.A.B. She's always wanted to run for SGA and now she wants to win. Being Vice-President would make her in charge of Orientation, which would be a great opportunity for her, considering she's an Orientation Leader. The Vice-President is also in charge of Formal and she'd love to plan and design it.

If she's elected Vice-President, she will improve Formal and Orientation. She will raise the standards of "VP duty" up to the next level. Aside from designing and planning, she also wants to increase recycling in this school. Recycling is an important matter to her and while the school is improving with recycling, she thinks she can further accelerate the process. DeRusso is dedicated to the school and we can see it with her past experience working to provide a better, more entertaining experience for the student body. She takes on the fun events at our school and now she wants to dedicate herself to the important matters too.



Martin Torres

Candidate for SGA Secretary

By Ralph Pazuko

Martin Torres, a Junior psychology major, is running for the position of SGA Secretary.

Martin has served as co-captain of the Volleyball team and the President of the Psychology Club, as well as being an active member of the Beta Psi Alpha fraternity, Choral Society, and a Student Ambassador.

Martin chose to attend St. Joseph's over the other colleges he was accepted into because he felt SJC had the most embracing environment. He likes being personable and interactive;

something that he feels is welcomed here. He is very comfortable at school and being here has afforded him many different opportunities that he would probably not have pursued elsewhere.

He has always wanted to be a part of SGA since he started to feel comfortable here at St. Joe's. He hesitated over the last few elections because he had doubts about his worth, in the context of Student Government. He is now running for Secretary because he feels like it is a position that accentuates his strengths and would allow him to practice some skills he thinks are important for him in a work setting. He prefers the task-oriented nature of the job and believes that he would make a good officer for this position.



Tricia Gaya

Candidate for SGA Secretary

By Michael Panico

One of the nominees for SGA Secretary (and one of the many running in general) goes by the name Tricia Gaya. Many of you may know her, and are even considering voting for her. Tricia is a Sophomore majoring in Political Science. She feels she can be a good fit as the newest SGA Secretary, with Maria Correnti deciding to run for President.

I first met Tricia in my first ever class here at SJC, which was a Political Science class. I instantly was able to realize how studious and dedicated she was, especially during my arguments with the Professor. I knew, even though she was a freshman, she would make an immediate impact on SJC, and she has! She became an Orientation Leader and has become one of the most friendly

and familiar faces at SJC. She clearly has the experience to be on SGA, having served as President of the Sophomore class in H.S., the Coordinating Secretary her Junior year, and even as school President her Senior year.

She came to St. Joseph's knowing a lot of people, but she remained open-minded for new friendships, as someone who is running for SGA should. Because of her open-mindedness, she became Co-Parliamentarian with Javier Bosque. Before that, she spent two semesters on Senate. Not only has she had the SGA experience, but working along side the current secretary, Presidential Candidate Maria Correnti, she has learned a lot and is ready for the challenge.

SGA Elections are always a fun time in the semester, as I always love any sort of showing of our freedom to choose our elected officials. Tricia is someone who is not only qualified to be Secretary, but someone who cares about SJC and the well-being of the student body. Happy Voting!

Candidates for SGA Treasurer/Vice-President



**Tyrell
Paul**

Candidate for SGA Treasurer

By Robert Jurman

It's time once more for SGA Officer Elections, and I spoke with Tyrell Paul, who is running to be your next SGA Treasurer. What made Tyrell want to join SGA was an extreme desire to be an SGA Officer and with a little push from friends, he says that "I am confident about my decision" to run for Treasurer. Though he's never held an SGA position at SJC, he has been Vice President of the Asian Awareness Club and now serves as its President.

Tyrell also told me what he wants to do as Treasurer: "I want to help my fellow students spend their club budget wisely and I also want to make

sure that the school's money is being spent well and effectively on things that the St. Joseph College community can really benefit from." Tyrell acknowledges this is not at all an easy job but he wants to be Treasurer because, "I want to see what goes on behind the scenes at budget meetings."

Tyrell would be injecting new blood into the SGA, and even though he'd be a new comer to the inner workings of SGA he says, "I am prepared to handle any challenges that come my way if elected Treasurer... I am very responsible, trustworthy, organized and very dedicated. When it comes to my own money, I spend it very responsibly," which means he has the resolve and if he's careful with his money, he'll be careful and wise with other people's money as well, a lesson many can do well to learn.



**Jason
Angela**

Candidate for SGA Treasurer

By Tyrell Paul

This school year we have many students running for Student Government and one of those candidates is Jason Angela, running for Vice-President. After becoming affiliated with Beta Psi Alpha and attending retreats and Student Leadership Experience workshops, Jason wants to give back to the community that he feels has given him plenty. Even though he has not previously held any Senate positions he has been on the Executive Board for several clubs and organization. Jason states: "Being on the executive board of clubs and organizations has allowed me to grow and mature into a leader."

When asked why he wants to become Vice-President the can-

didate replied by saying, "I feel like I can positively affect the Student Government Association and the Saint Joseph's College community in ways people never thought of." As Vice-President, Jason plans on working well with his fellow SGA members, trying to help students meet their needs as well as helping to plan events and fundraisers around the campus. He also wants to plan an entertaining and convenient formal for the 2012-2013 school year. *

Jason had a very good and interesting childhood growing up prior to coming to Saint Joseph's. He attended Christ the King High School in Middle School on a full scholarship and played on the RGMVM (his local baseball Little League) and various bowling leagues. He was also the first member of his family to receive a high school diploma. Other than that, his family has been working class citizens, doing their best to raise a family in New York.



Nicolle Velez

Candidate for SGA Vice-President

By Marco Fuentes

Nicolle is running for Vice-President because she wants to see a positive change at St. Joseph's College. More importantly she wants to create a better relationship between the students and the faculty by being the liaison that is not afraid to take action.

Velez is confident in her organizational, listening, communication, and planning skills, which are all critical skills paramount to the job. Even though she may not have the experience in Student Life some of her opponents do, she believes this is an advantage for her because she "has seen from the outside" and knows very well what the students need. This is what makes her stand out from the other candidates, in her opinion. Having a student-friendly approach to the job is what she believes makes her the best candidate, and encourages students to see this and vote for her.

One important aspect of Velez's platform is that she wants to unite the student body by encouraging new ideas that benefit them as a whole and by listening to the students themselves on many issues affecting them because, as she says it, "If you cannot listen you cannot lead." That is why, if elected, Velez wants to start with her platform right away by dealing "with things that affect us personally as current students but strongly on factors that affect our image from the outside." She will rely on her personable qualities to be the link of the student body with the college administration as she is ready to take action towards accomplishing her goals as a Vice-President.

Before the elections take place, Velez wants to stress that the students of SJC should "vote for the person most qualified, for the candidate that shares your views and who you feel will make the most improvements to SJC." She hopes she is the person that embodies the student's expectations for the college. Concluding with these last words, Nicole Velez is ready for the elections to take place, and if elected she is ready to start working for the student's interests.



**Anthony
D'Agosto**

Candidate for SGA Treasurer

By Antoinette Cammarano

Looking for a candidate with leadership skills, experience, and personality all wrapped into one? If so, Anthony D'Agosto is the man for you.

Anthony D'Agosto, a Junior Accounting Major, is running for Student Government Association Treasurer for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Why should you cast your ballot for him? Good question.

Anthony has been very involved on campus throughout his years here. He is a member of the Business Club and Beta Psi Alpha Fraternity, among other SJC organizations. He has been the Treasurer of various clubs, and this experience makes him well suited to become the Treasurer of SGA.

D'Agosto's Accounting Major

has prepared him with the skills and tools necessary to understand how to handle money and finance. The experience he has had in this field equipped him with the knowledge needed to be successful in a position such as this one.

"Kristen McMaster has done an outstanding job as Treasurer of SGA; however, when she is no longer here in the Fall, it'll be time for a new face to step into that position. That new face is me," said Anthony D'Agosto when asked how he felt about the job as Treasurer.

Charismatic, outgoing, and sociable, D'Agosto could certainly make a fine SGA Officer. Stop him in the halls one day and ask him about his plans, and he'll be more than willing to fill you in. Always offering a friendly smile to those around him, Anthony D'Agosto feels he is the new face SJC needs in SGA. "What do I want to do?" he asks. "I want to carry SJC like (Jeremy) Lin carries the Knicks. I want to take responsibility on my shoulders and prove to the students that I can run with it."



**Brianna
Gaines**

Candidate for SGA Treasurer

By Kristen McMaster

One of names appearing on the very crowded SGA ballot this year is Brianna Gaines. Running for the position of Treasurer, Brianna believes that this is the year for her to finally step into the leadership position she has always seen herself taking.

Brianna says that she is running for Student Government because she wants to be a part of the future of the college, assisting with planning and creating change that will benefit the school. Brianna is currently a Junior majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. Although some may think she has a lot on her plate already, her full academic schedule has only taught her how to handle stress, hectic situations, and improved her time-management skills. As Treasurer, she hopes to propose plans and ideas that are backed up with a solid budget. She feels that when the money is there, the ideas

of the SGA will take shape. An example of one of her plans is soundproofing the new library study rooms, so that they can be used to their full potential.

Brianna is a member of the Fashion Club, Black Student Association, Student Ambassadors, The Orientation Team and, most recently, the Student Leadership Experience. She is also a member of the Step Team, where she has cultivated her teamwork skills, and learned that she can create ideas and really work well with others. Her membership in Student Ambassadors, the Orientation Team, and the Student Leadership Experience has only enhanced her leadership skills. Brianna says she is outgoing, approachable, and aggressive in everything she does, especially when it comes to finance. She is a very detail-oriented person, and is ready to step into the leadership role that the SGA Treasurer offers.

About her candidacy, Brianna says, "I am approachable. I will listen. I will vocalize your thoughts at meetings and budget them as best I can. I will turn your ideas into change, and that's a promise."